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CHINA GROVE PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2020

The China Grove Planning Board met on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the China Grove Town Hall, 333 North Main Street, China Grove, North Carolina.

Planning Board Members Present: David Morton, Chairman
Butch Bivens, Vice Chairman
Brie Bivens-Hager
Rodney Phillips

Planning Board Members Absent: Jason Hinson
Jason Higgins
Natalie Morgan

Staff Present: Pamela Mills, Town Clerk
Franklin Gover, Assistant Town Manager

Visitors: None

Roll Call and Recognition of Quorum

There being no quorum, Chairman Morton called the informational meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

None

2019-TA-02; Unified Development Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 11 Signs – Electronic Message Centers

Chairman Morton suggested we measure the distance from the message sign at St Marks Church to how far you first see the sign. The board went outside and measured the distance and came up with 473 feet. Mr. Gover stated the minimum speed should be 14 seconds for that distance and speed. Chairman Morton stated we should eliminate the animation since it is a distraction to drivers. Mr. Gover stated the City of Seattle in 2001 stated moving images distract drivers for a longer period of time.

Mr. Gover stated he will get the final draft together for the next meeting.

Other Business

- a. Downtown Design Guidelines

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Mr. Gover stated he included in the packet a Downtown Design Guideline example from Statesville. He stated Downtown is the economic heart of the town. He stated all the housing developments are good but the Downtown area is the most productive land in a town. Chairman Morton stated we are fortunate enough to have the Downtown that we have. Mr. Gover stated he is working on a plan for Hanna Park to be more inviting with cafe tables and chairs, and moving the benches to the side. He stated he hopes this will encourage people to hang out and eat lunch outside.

Adjourn

Mrs. Bivens-Hager made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

David Morton
Chairman

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk